

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

WILLIAM CURRY JR,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALEC J. BRIAN et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C13-5648 BHS-JRC

ORDER ON PENDING MOTIONS

The District Court has referred this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 civil rights action to United States Magistrate Judge J. Richard Creatura pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and (B), and local Magistrate Judge Rules MJR1, MJR3 and MJR4.

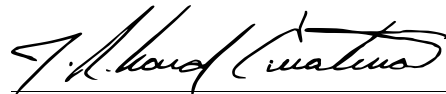
Before the Court are two motions filed by plaintiff. In the first motion, plaintiff asks the Court to conduct a “forensic document examination” and appoint a forensic expert to conduct the examination (Dkt. 34). Plaintiff fails to show that the appointment of an expert is needed in this case. The sole remaining defendant is in default and plaintiff has been directed to support his motion for entry of default judgment by November 28, 2014 (Dkt. 40). Plaintiff’s motion for appointment of an expert is denied.

1 Plaintiff also asks the Court to hold future hearings telephonically because of the nature
2 of his detention (Dkt. 35). Plaintiff is a resident at the Special Commitment Center. The Court
3 does not normally conduct hearings telephonically. Plaintiff fails to show that telephonic
4 hearings are needed in this case. Further, plaintiff may request telephonic argument on a motion
5 by following the procedures set forth in Local Civil Rule 7(b)(4) which states:

6 *Oral Argument.* Unless otherwise ordered by the court, all motions will be decided by the
7 court without oral argument. Counsel shall not appear on the date the motion is noted
8 unless directed by the court. A party desiring oral argument shall so indicate by including
9 the words "ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED" in the caption of its motion or
10 responsive memorandum. If a request for oral argument is granted, the clerk will notify
11 the parties of the date and time for argument.

12 Plaintiff fails to show that he is unable to provide documentation regarding his motion for
13 entry of default judgment without telephonic argument. The Court denies plaintiff's motion for
14 telephonic oral argument (Dkt. 35).

15 Dated this 29th day of October, 2014.

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J. Richard Creatura
United States Magistrate Judge